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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS ON ANGOLA

1. SUMMARY. SOVIET PRESS COVERAGE OF ANGOLA SEEMS IN PROCESS OF BEING MOLDED TO INFLUENCE UPCOMING OAU SUMMIT, WITH EMPHASIS ON SOUTH AFRICA AS THE PRIME VILLAIN AND ON UNSUITABILITY OF COMPARISONS BETWEEN "CUBAN MILITARY ADVISORS" AND SOUTH AFRICAN "REGULAR TROOPS". SOVIETS MAY ALSO BE PREPARING FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL. END SUMMARY.

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2. PRAVDA JAN 8 CARRIES PROMINENTLY A LENGTHY TASS ARTICLE DATELINED LAGOS CONTENDING THAT NIGERIA "HAS SHARPLY CONDEMNED" THE U.S. FOR ITS ATTEMPT TO DICTATE TO THE AFRICAN STATES HOW THEY SHOULD REACT TO EVENTS IN ANGOLA. THE TASS ARTICLE ESPECIALLY PLAYS UP THE U.S. DEMAND ALLEGEDLY CONTAINED IN A CIRCULAR NOTE TO ALL AFRICAN STATES THAT ANY OAU RESOLUTION CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL OF "THE OCCUPATION TROOPS OF THE RACIST SAR" ALSO CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL OF "CUBAN MILITARY ADVISORS". ACCORDING TO TASS, NIGERIA HAS EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THERE IS NO BASIS FOR ANY SUCH COMPARISON OF CUBAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS AND HAS STATED THAT U.S. ACTIONS IN ANGOLA CONTRADICT THE WILL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AS EXPRESSED IN RECENT SENATE DECISIONS. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA ALSO REPLAY AFRICAN PRESS CRITICISM OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLE'S TRIP AS BEING A FURTHER EFFORT TO BRING DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE ON OAU MEMBER STATES ON THE EVE OF THE SUMMIT.

3. PRAVDA SAME DAY ALSO CARRIES A SIGNED COMMENTARY FROM ADDIS ABABA (VALENTIN KOROVNIKOV) ATTACKING SOUTH AFRICA " AND ITS PATRONS IN THE WEST" FOR ITS EFFORTS TO FEED THE FLAMES OF DISORDER IN ANGOLA. COMMENTARY STRESSES THAT "ONE HAS TO HOPE" THAT THE COMING OAU SESSION "WILL FIND WAYS AND MEANS TO DEFEND THE TRUE SOVEREIGNTY AND THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ANGOLA FROM THE INTERVENTION BY SWORN ENEMIES OF A FREE AFRICA". SEPARATE TASS ITEMS IN PRAVDA REPORT FROM PRO-MPLA CAPITALS IN AFRICA ON GOVERNMENT STATEMENTS CALLING FOR RECOGNITION OF THE MPLA AT THE OAU SUMMIT. A FURTHER ITEM DATELINED WASHINGTON REPORTS ON SENATOR CLARK'S ACCUSATION THAT THE U.S. IS COORINATING ACTIVITIES IN ANGOLA WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

4. COMMENT: THE U.S. CONTINUES TO DRAW EXTREMELY HEAVY SHARE OF CRITICISM OVER ANGOLA, ALTHOUGH SOUTH AFRICA REMAINS THE FAVORITE SOVIET TARGET. THIS IS IN OBVIOUS PREPARATION FOR THE OAU SUMMIT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN MAKING CONSTANT ALLUSIONS TO THE NEED FOR PROTECTING ANGOLAN TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY IN ITS COMMENTS ON SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION, SOVIET PRESS IS ATTEMPTING TO PORTRAY PARTITION OF ANGOLA AS ONE OF JOHANNESBURG'S AIMS. MATLOCK

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